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President Barack Obama  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply disturbed to learn that your Administration has decided not to immediately put the Department of Defense's civilian personnel back to work despite having the legal authority to do so.

On September 30, 2013, Congress passed and you signed into law the Pay Our Military Act to reverse the devastating impacts of a government shutdown on Department of Defense civilian employees. Under the law that you yourself signed, you are authorized to "provide pay and allowances to the civilian personnel of the Department of Defense (and the Department of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard) whom the Secretary concerned determines are providing support to members of the Armed Forces." Failure to fully implement this law not only goes against the will of Congress but puts at risk the safety and security of the United States.

As Commander and Chief, I urge you to restore the department's civilian workforce in its entirety to include the 9,000 furloughed civilian employees currently serving at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in my district. The hardworking civilians at Wright-Patterson are a critical national security asset and certainly "provide support to members of the Armed Forces." Using our defense civilian employees as political bargaining chips is unacceptable and is in direct violation of the United States Constitution.

I urge you to comply with existing law and await an immediate update on the planned implementation of the Pay Our Military Act.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner  
Member of Congress